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While Sonic and Tails put the team back together, Dr. Eggman is struggling to make his way home to the Death Egg. He's made a startling discovery about the planet, and it's got him running scared...



WHO'S WHO



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE



MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST BUD



DR. EGGMAN
SONIC'S MAD SCIENTIST NEMESIS



???

COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS

PART TWO: THE SOLDIER

IN THE SKIES
OVER
AVALON...

STOP
PUTTING
HOLES
IN MY
PLANE!

DR. EGGMAN
VILLAIN ON
THE RUN

BLAM!

I DON'T
THINK THEY
CAN HEAR
YOU, BOSS!

ORBOT
SASSY
ASSISTANT

PUSH, PUSH!
IT VILL MAKE US
GO SCHNELL!

CUBOT
HAS A
FAULTY
VOICE
CHIP

G.U.N.
GUARDIAN
UNITS OF THE
NATIONS

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BLAM!

BLAM!

CRASH!

SCREEEEEEEECH

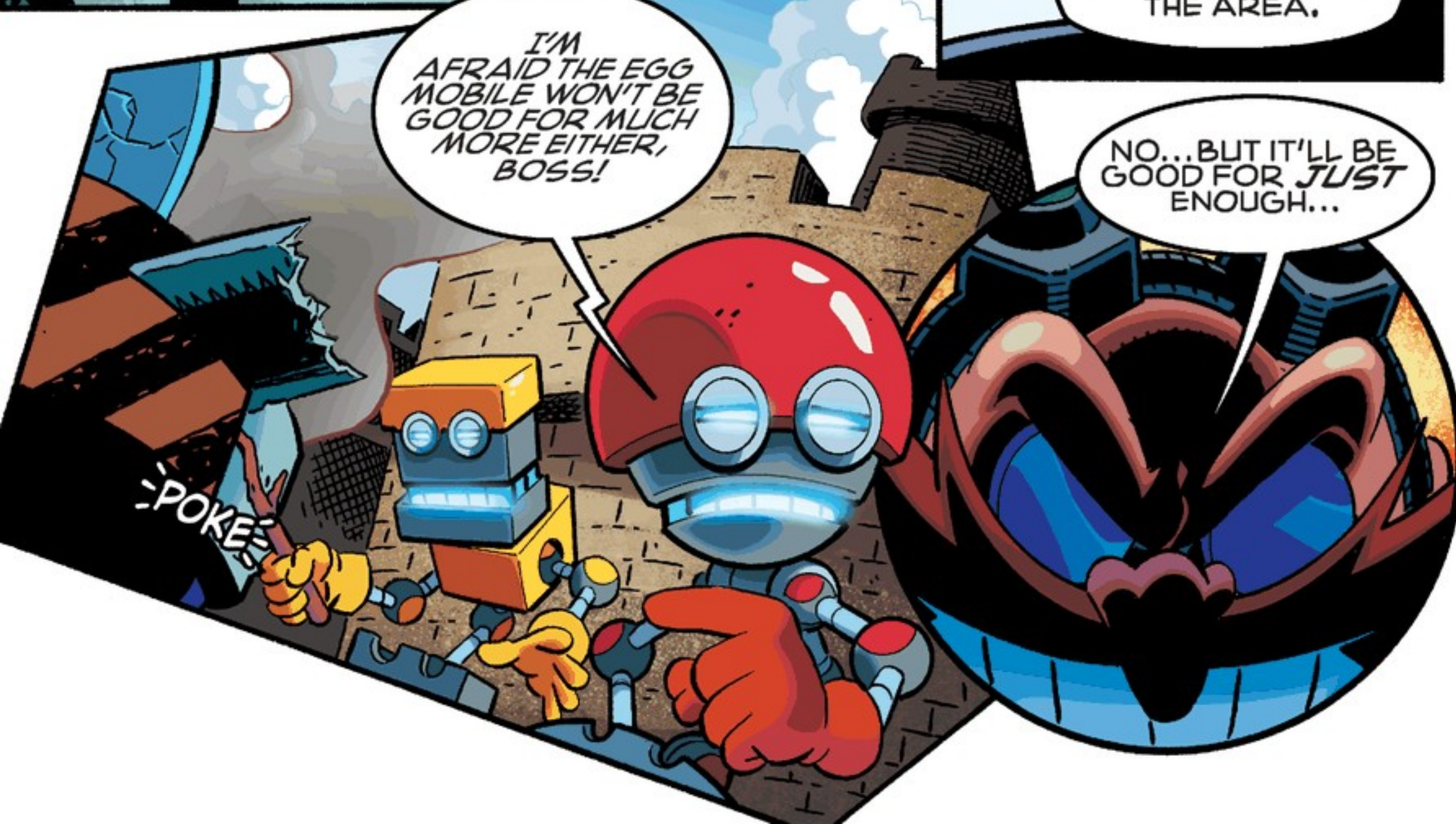
HOOD!
FRONT AND
CENTER!

WE'RE
ALIVE. I'M STILL
PROCESSING
IF I'M HAPPY
ABOUT
THAT...





LORD MORDRED HOOD
REGIONAL EGG BOSS



ADRENALINE



SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

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ADVENTURE

MEGA MAN

BLACKOUT: THE CURSE OF RA MOON



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SONIC
TRUE BLUE
HERO

TAILS
HIGH-FLYING
GENIUS

THAT
...THAT WAS
NICE.

IT WAS KNOTHOLE.
NOT *OUR* KNOT-
HOLE, BUT...

YEAH, IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH.
IF KNOTHOLE CAN GET A
SECOND CHANCE, MAYBE
WE CAN, TOO.

IF WE'RE GOING TO DO **ANY-
THING**, WE NEED TO FIND THE
OTHER HALF OF OUR TEAM.

**SOONER
RATHER THAN
LATER, I'D
~VVT!~**

NICOLE
SUPER
COMPUTER

HOLD THAT
THOUGHT...

HEY
THERE, SONNY-BOY!
TAILS! FEELS LIKE I
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU
IN--

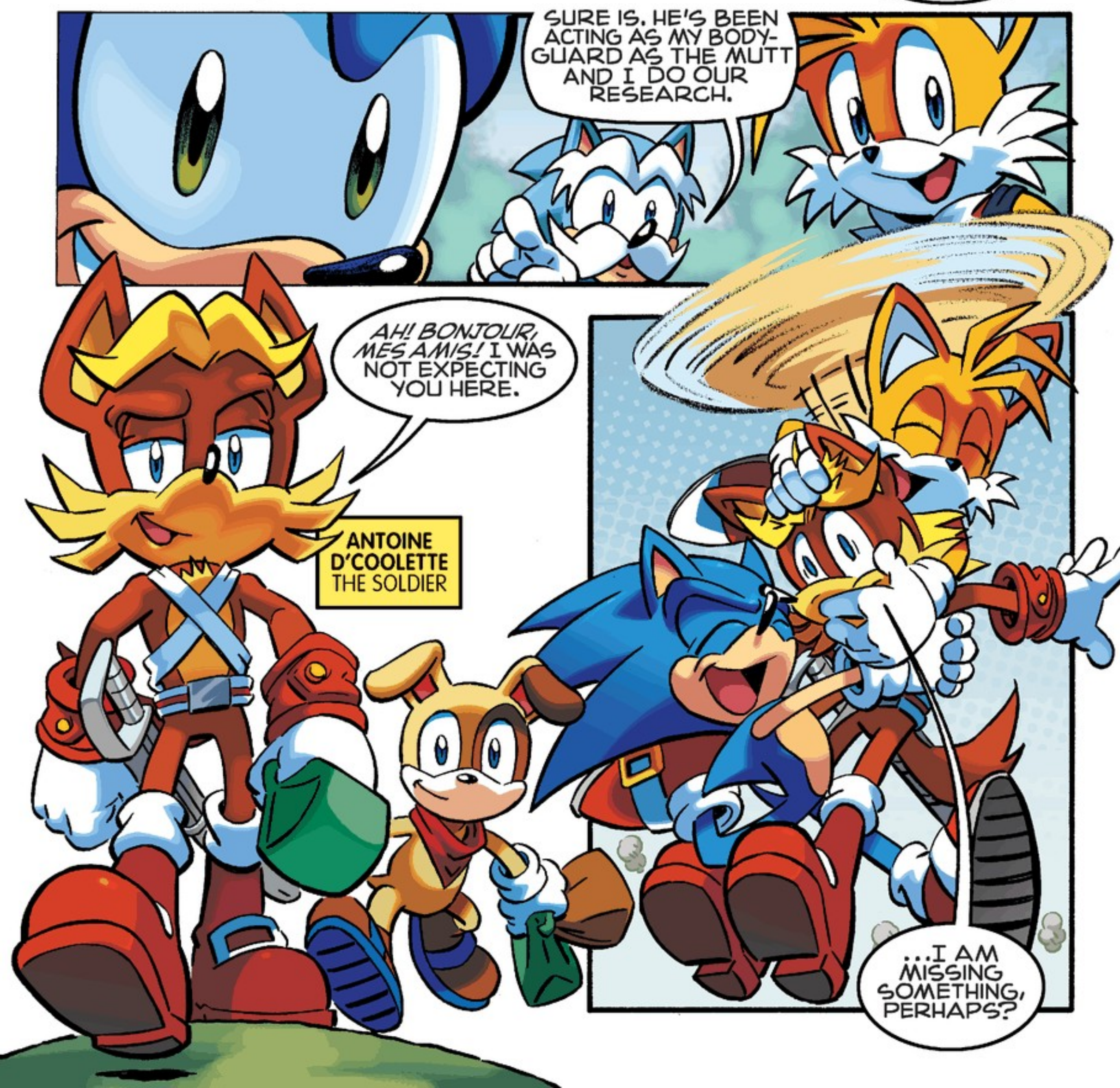
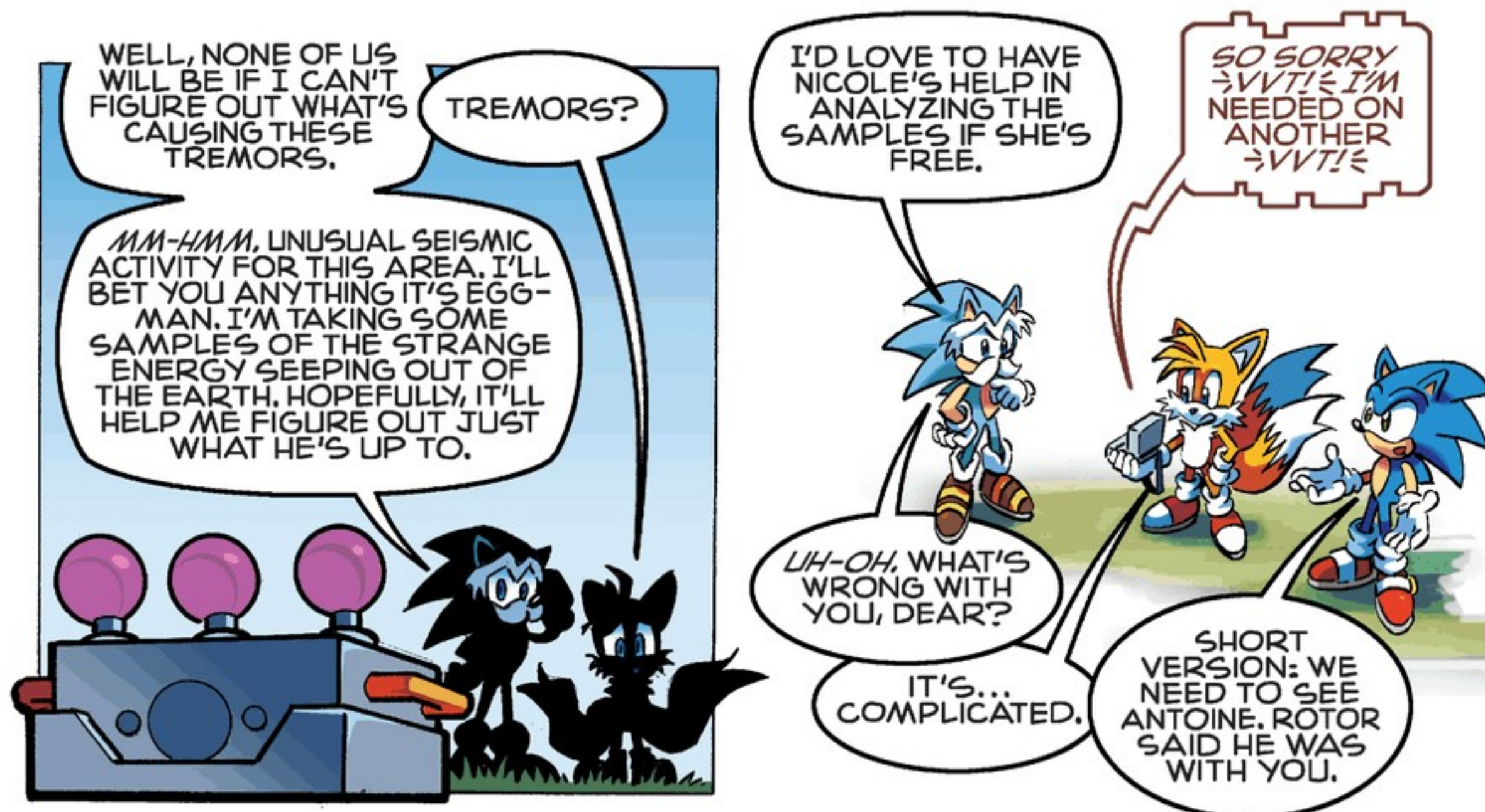
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THE HEDGEHOG
"UNCLE" TO MANY

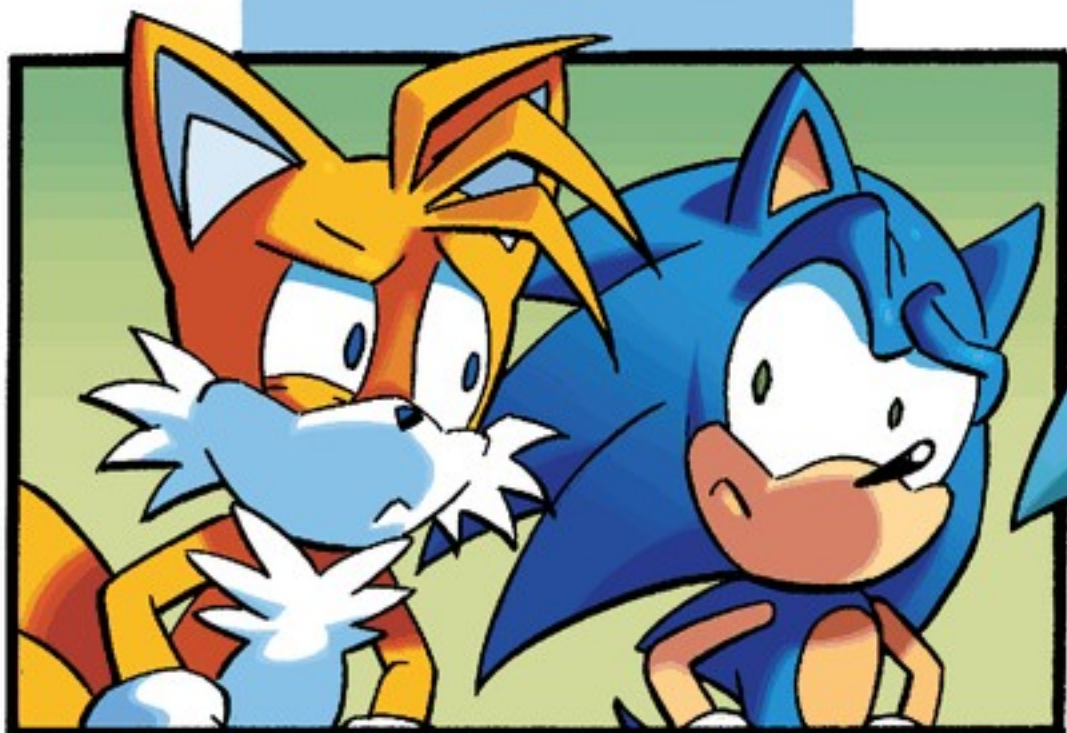
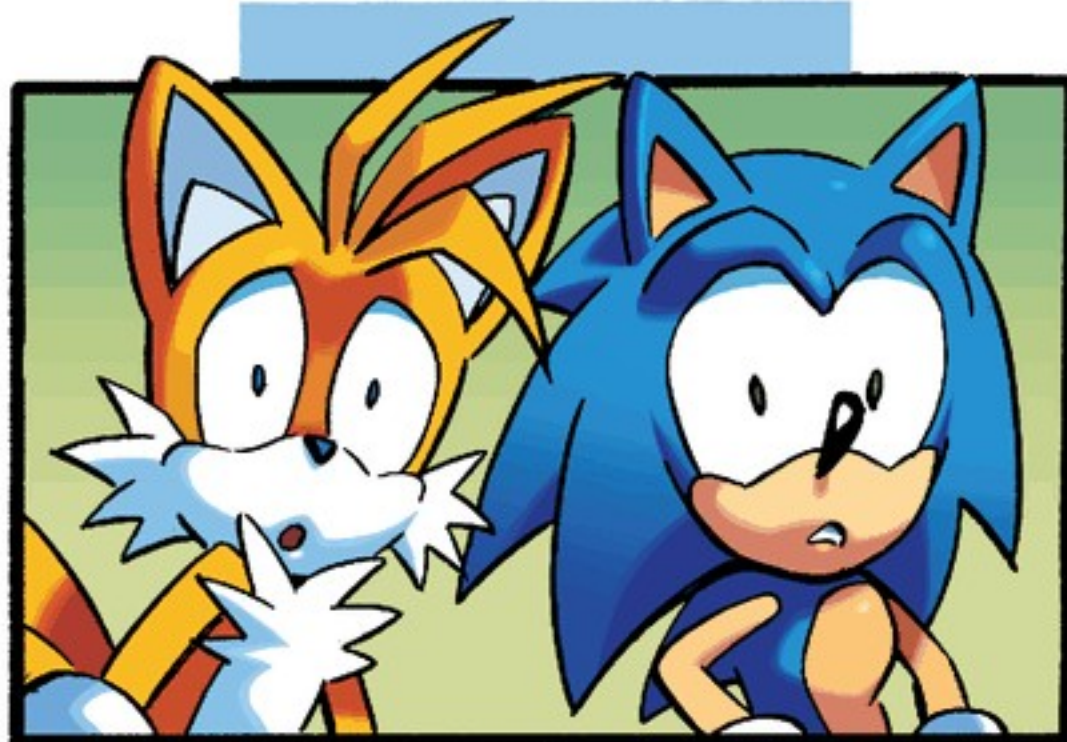
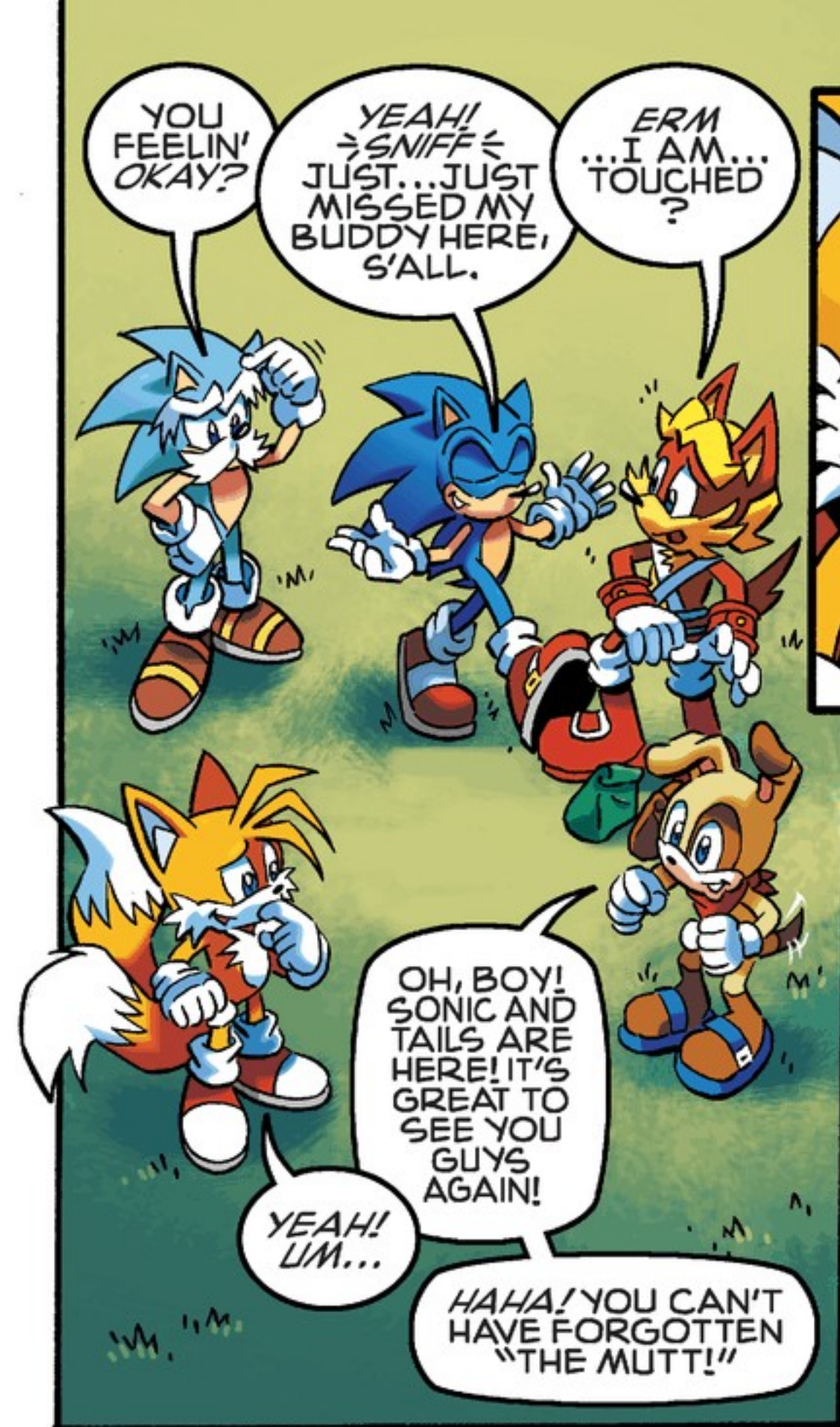
--FOR-
EVER?

SALLY'S NOT A ROBOT,
KNOTHOLE'S STILL STAND-
ING, AND UNCLE CHUCK'S
STILL AROUND. MAYBE
THIS WHOLE "NEW REALITY"
THING ISN'T SO BAD...

HA!
WHAT'S
GOTTEN
INTO
YOU?

NOTHIN',
UNCLE CHUCK.
JUST HAPPY
TO SEE YOU
SAFE AND
SOUND.









...MON DIEU...

EASY, BUDDY, I'VE GOTCHA.

I WAS... I WAS...

(TOLDJA TO SIT DOWN FIRST.)

HURT, THAT'S ALL, BAD? YEAH, IN A COMA? SURE, BUT YOU WERE *ALIVE* AND YOU WERE GONNA *RECOVER*.

SONIC GOT YOU TO THE HOSPITAL JUST IN TIME.

UHT-TUT-TUT-TUT! PLEASE, MÉS AMIS...

RIGHT! YOU'RE A FIGHTER! YOU HELD ON AND --!

MY THOUGHTS...THEY ARE JUMBLED. WHERE IS BUNNIE? HOW IS MY WIFE?

MEANWHILE...

DYO-HO-HO!
THOSE G.U.N.
FOOLS WON'T
KNOW WHAT
HIT 'EM!

I'M RIGHT HERE,
AND I DON'T KNOW
WHAT WE'RE HITTING
THEM WITH.

SHUT IT! I'VE GOT TO
GET TO THE DEATHEGG
AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!
IF THAT MEANS I'VE
GOT TO GO THROUGH
G.U.N., SO BE IT!

JAWOHL,
MEIN
EMPEROR!

AWOOOGA!

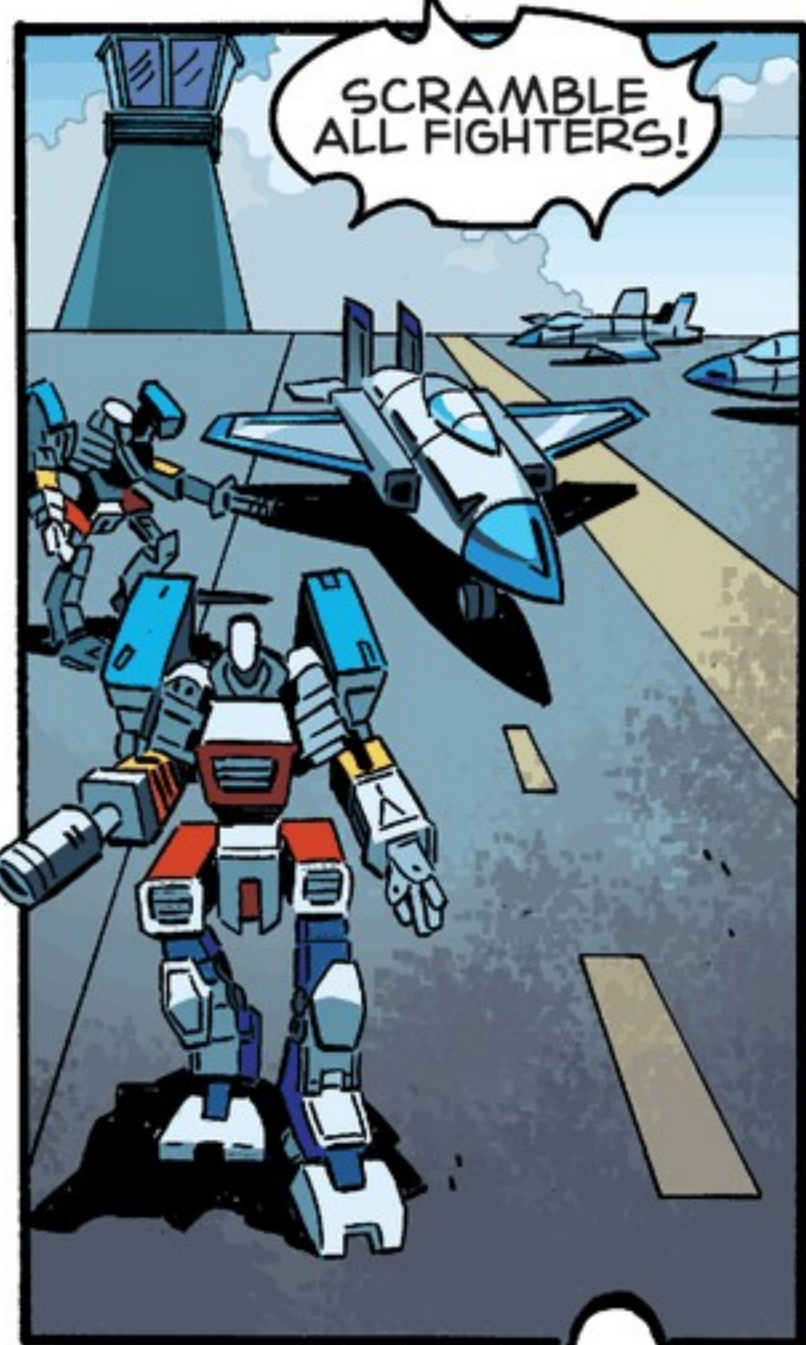
AWOOOGA!

BOOM!

BLAM!

WAH-
HA-HA-HA!
COME AT ME,
BOTS!

CLANG!





YOU'VE SERVED
ME WELL, FAITHFUL
EGG MOBILE. I
SURE KNOW HOW
TO BUILD 'EM!

AWOOOGA!

AWOOOGA!

BOOM!

I CAN CONFIRM
THE COMMAND
SIGNAL TO THE
G.U.N. ARMORED
UNITS IS DOWN.
WE'RE IN THE
CLEAR.

AND
NOW YOU
KNOW WHY
I AM THE
BEST!

HAHAHAHAHA!

BACK IN THE WOOD ZONE...

MOST OF THE GIRLS ARE MISSING IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, AND WE'RE STILL PLAYING CATCH-UP.

NICOLE, DO YOU HAVE ANY UPDATES ON BUNNIE'S UNDERCOVER MISSION?

STAND BY--I'LL CHECK THE SKY PATROL'S MISSION LOGS.

YOU SEEM TO BE BACK TO NORMAL.

BASIC SYSTEMS SEEM TO BE FINE, BUT I CAN'T ACCESS MY HOLO-MATRIX YET. OH, WELL --BABY STEPS. I'M MORE CONCERNED THAT I SEEM TO BE RUNNING LOW ON THE DIMENSIONAL ENERGIES LEFT FROM THE GENESIS WAVE. I MAY ONLY BE ABLE TO RESTORE THE MEMORIES OF TWO OR THREE MORE PEOPLE --TOPS.

WHAT IS THIS TALK OF ENERGIES AND MEMORIES? I AM SO VERY CONFUSED...

SHORT VERSION? I KINDA FELL THROUGH A HOLE IN REALITY, AND MY BOND WITH YOU GUYS IS MAKING FOR SOME SPECIAL EFFECTS.

NICOLE'S DATABASE REACTS TO THOSE BONDS, WE THINK, RESTORING MEMORIES. THE NEXT STEP IS TO FIND BUNNIE FOR THE NEXT BOND-ZAP-THINGIE.

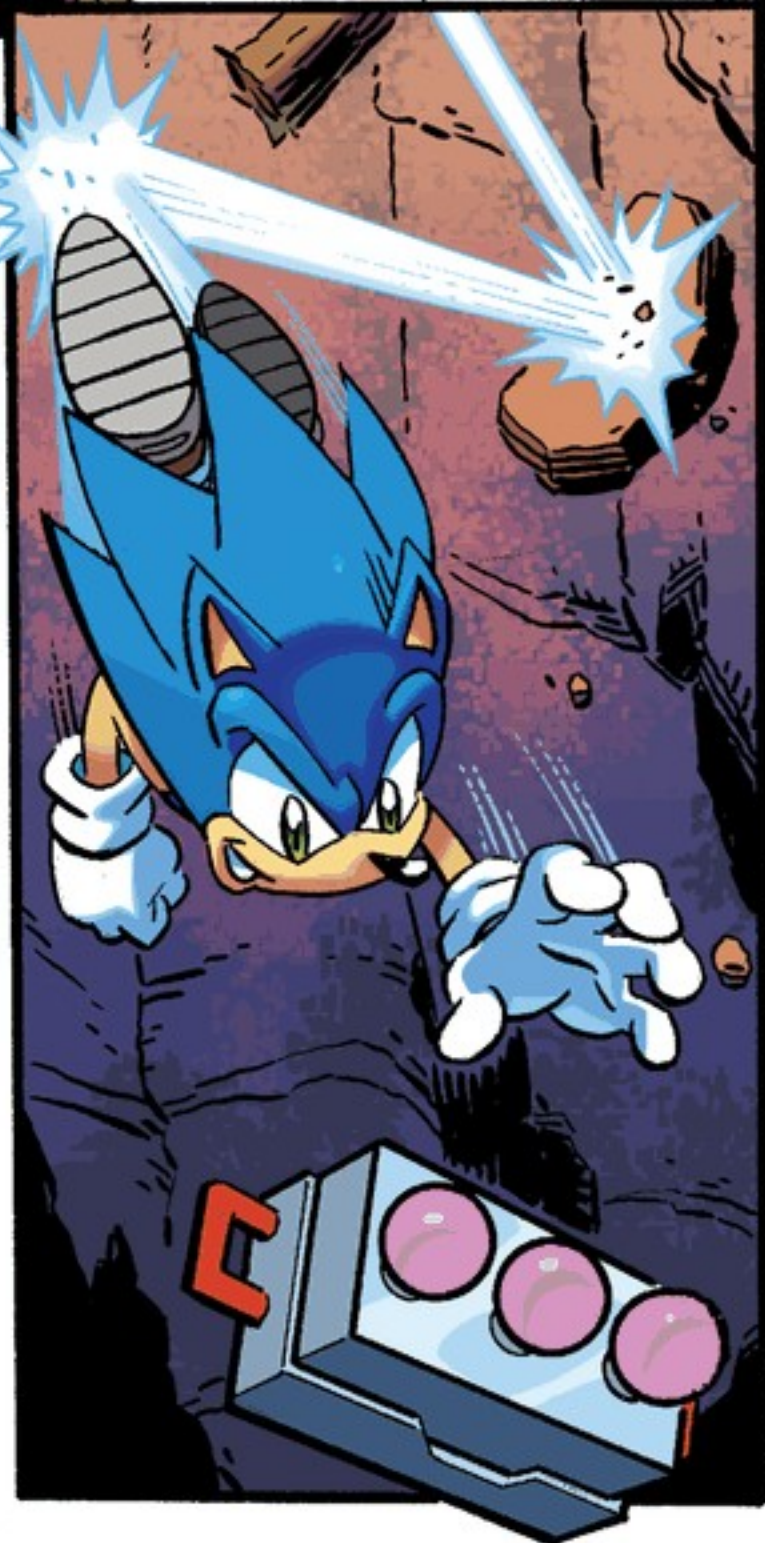
THAT MAY BE A PROBLEM. THE BUNNIE OF THIS WORLD WENT UNDERCOVER TO INFILTRATE THE EGG ARMY AND MISSED HER LAST CHECK-IN WITH US BY A WEEK. HER LAST REPORT DID SAY SHE WAS GOING INTO DEEPER COVER, BUT...

I'M GOING...

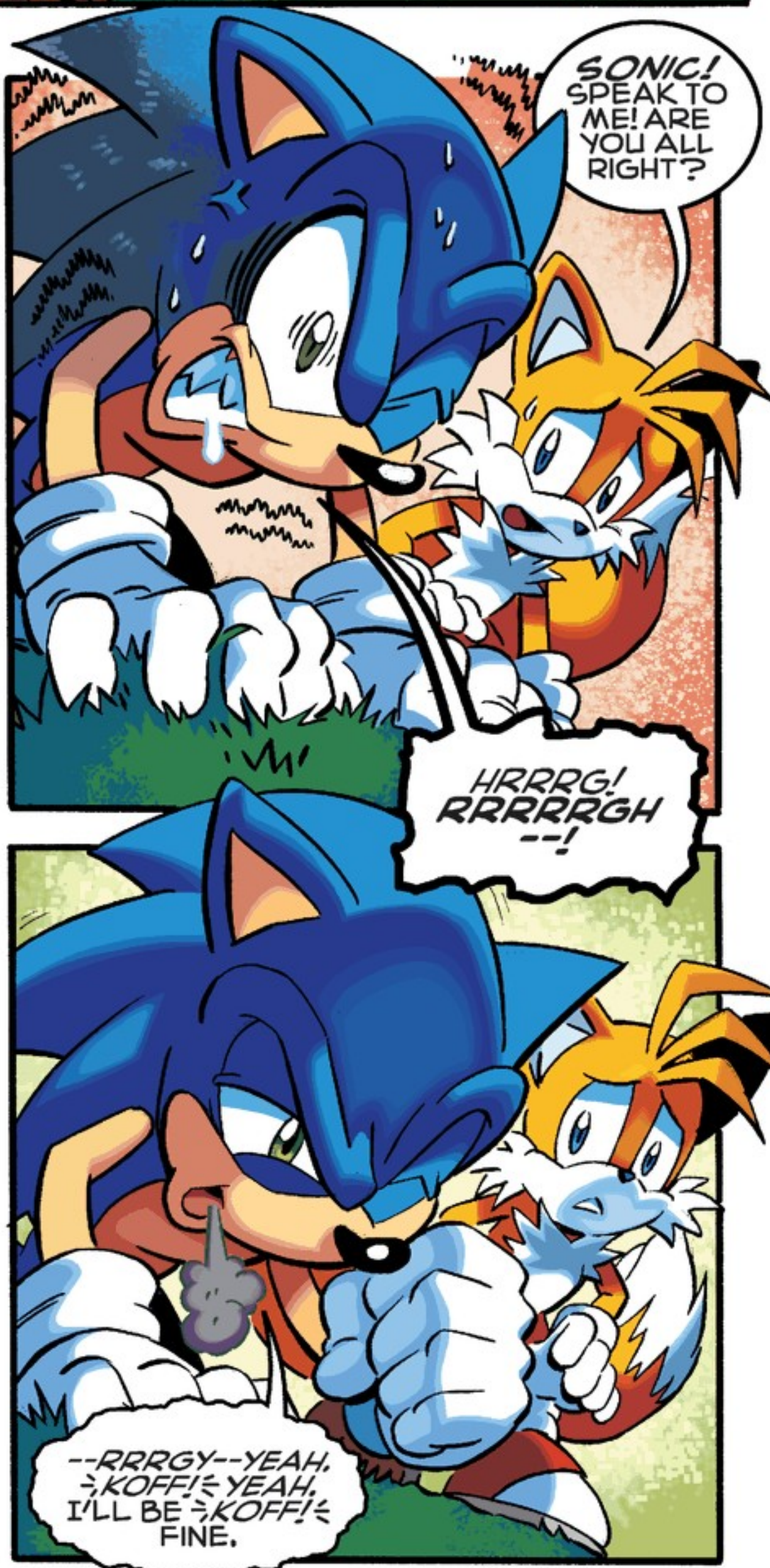
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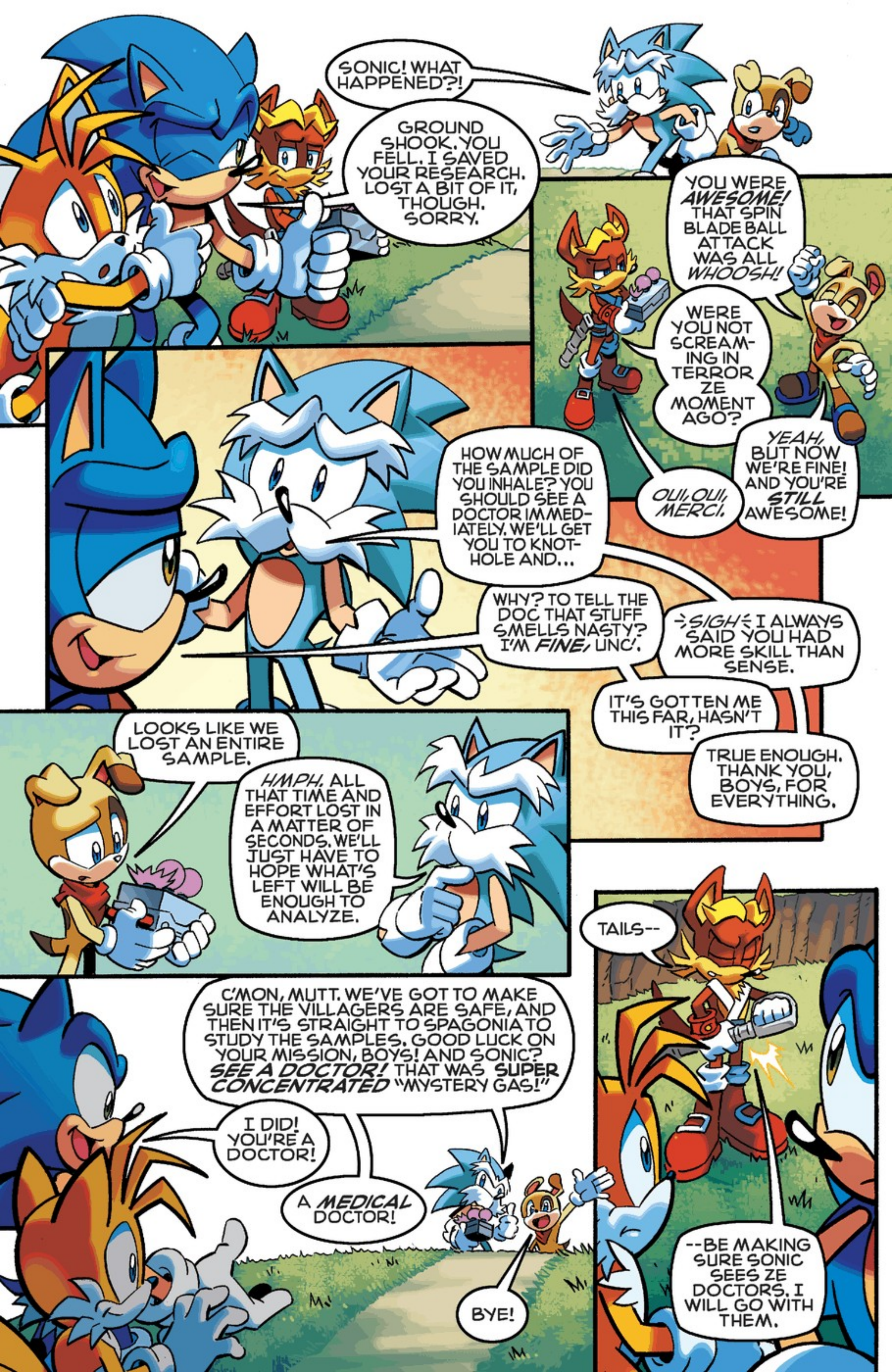
RRRUMBLE!!!











SONIC! WHAT HAPPENED?!

GROUND SHOOK, YOU FELL. I SAVED YOUR RESEARCH. LOST A BIT OF IT, THOUGH. SORRY.

YOU WERE AWESOME! THAT SPIN BLADE BALL ATTACK WAS ALL WHOOSH!

WERE YOU NOT SCREAMING IN TERROR ZE MOMENT AGO?

YEAH, BUT NOW WE'RE FINE! AND YOU'RE STILL AWESOME!

OUI, OUI, MERCI.

HOW MUCH OF THE SAMPLE DID YOU INHALE? YOU SHOULD SEE A DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY. WE'LL GET YOU TO KNOT-HOLE AND...

WHY? TO TELL THE DOC THAT STUFF SMELLS NASTY? I'M FINE, UNC'.

SIGH I ALWAYS SAID YOU HAD MORE SKILL THAN SENSE.

IT'S GOTTEN ME THIS FAR, HASN'T IT?

TRUE ENOUGH. THANK YOU, BOYS, FOR EVERYTHING.

LOOKS LIKE WE LOST AN ENTIRE SAMPLE.

HMPH, ALL THAT TIME AND EFFORT LOST IN A MATTER OF SECONDS, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO HOPE WHAT'S LEFT WILL BE ENOUGH TO ANALYZE.

C'MON, MUTT. WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THE VILLAGERS ARE SAFE, AND THEN IT'S STRAIGHT TO SPAGONIA TO STUDY THE SAMPLES. GOOD LUCK ON YOUR MISSION, BOYS! AND SONIC? SEE A DOCTOR! THAT WAS SUPER CONCENTRATED "MYSTERY GAS!"

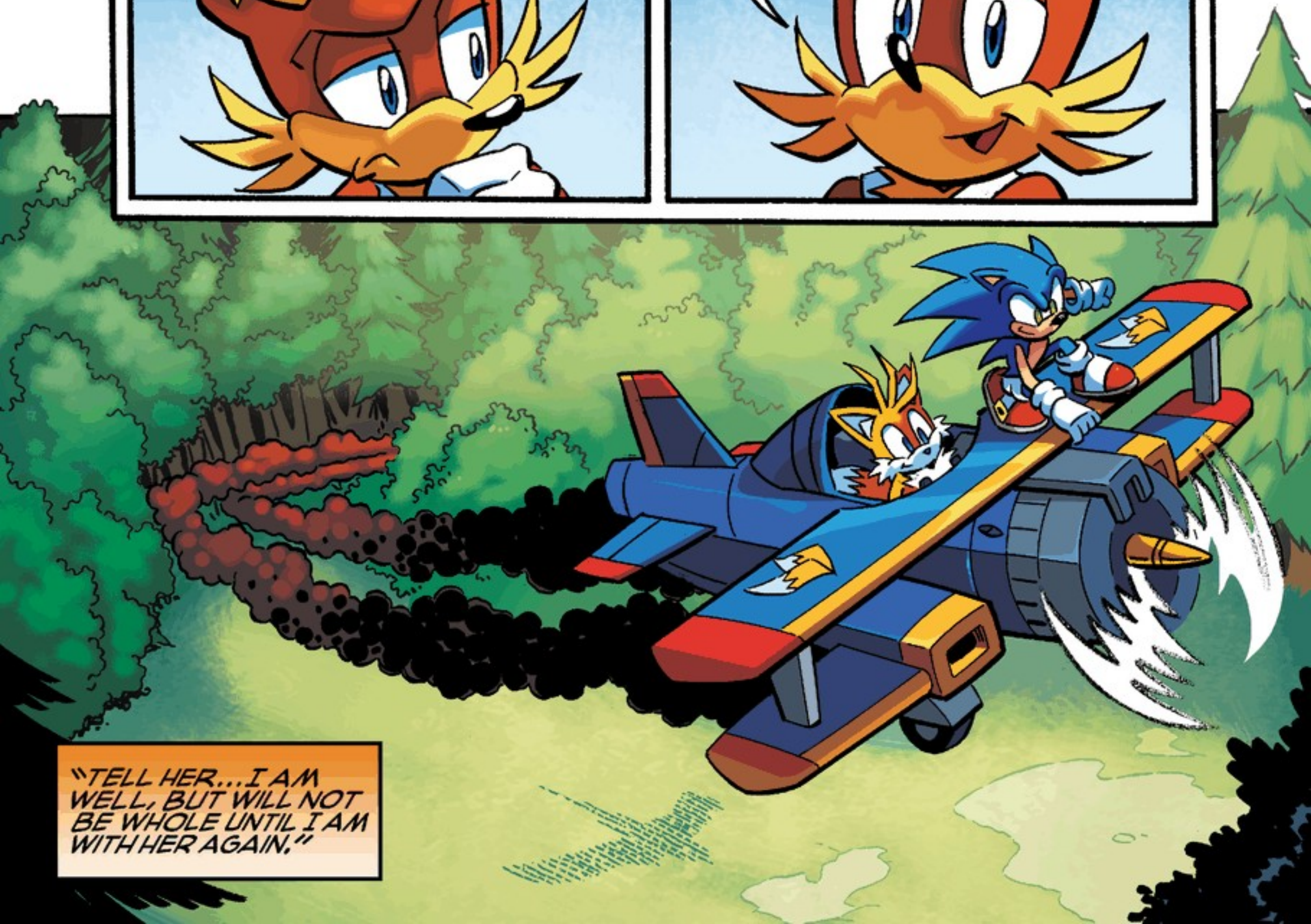
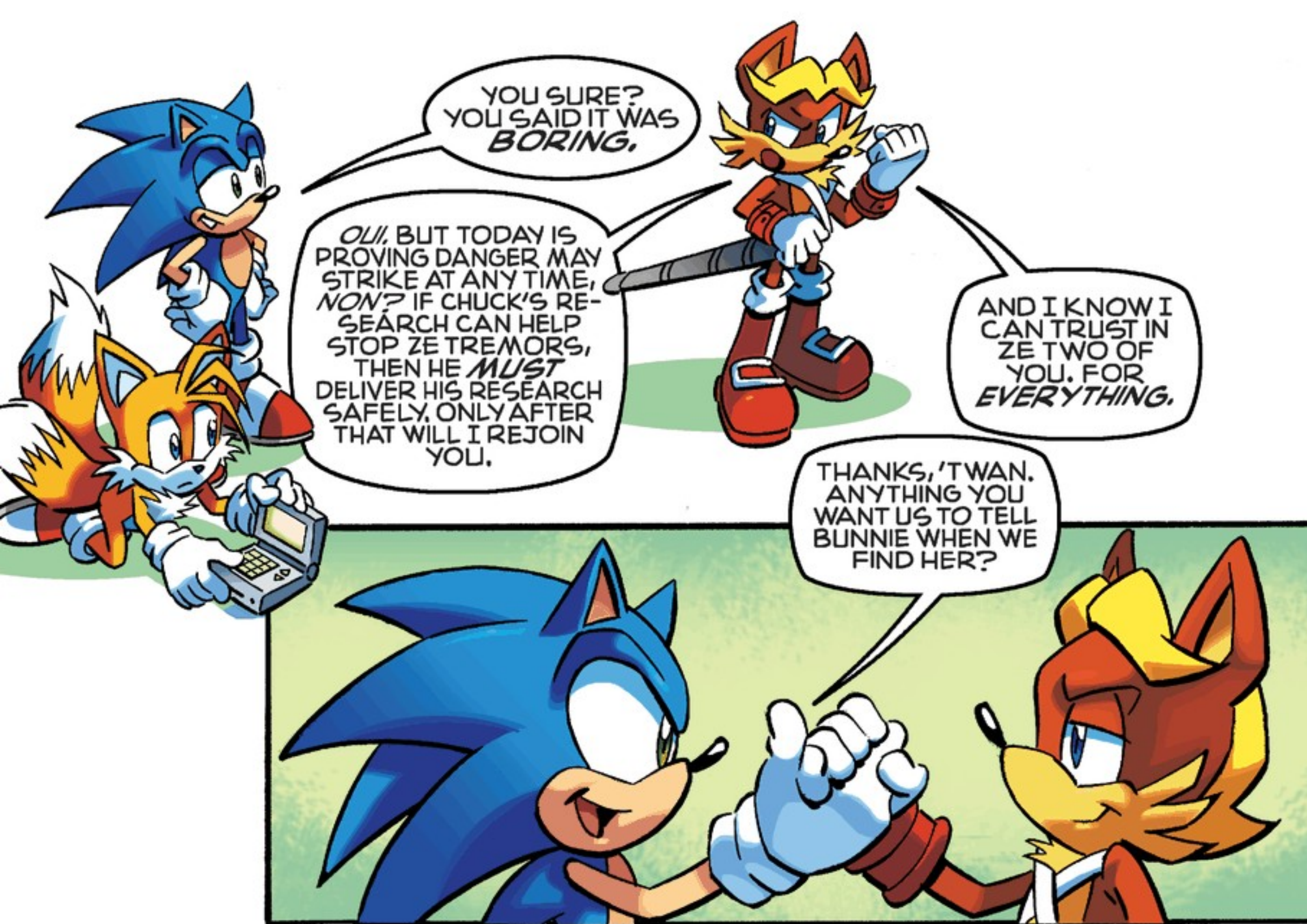
I DID! YOU'RE A DOCTOR!

A MEDICAL DOCTOR!

BYE!

TAILS--

--BE MAKING SURE SONIC SEES ZE DOCTORS. I WILL GO WITH THEM.



"TELL HER... I AM
WELL, BUT WILL NOT
BE WHOLE UNTIL I AM
WITH HER AGAIN."

METROPOLIS ZONE...

HEY!
ROOKIE!
YOU BETTER
GET FULLY
SUITED UP
BEFORE SOME-
ONE REPORTS
YOU!

RIGHT!
SORRY
'BOUT
THAT!

ALL
HAIL THE
EGGMAN
EMPIRE,
AND ALL
THAT JAZZ,
RIGHT?

BUNNIE "RABBOT" D'COOLETTE
--EGG SOLDIER! IS SHE STILL
A SPY, OR HAS SOMETHING
HAPPENED?
IT'S UP TO SONIC AND TAILS TO
FIND OUT IN "**COUNTDOWN TO
CHAOS**" PART THREE!
MEANWHILE, DON'T MISS AMY
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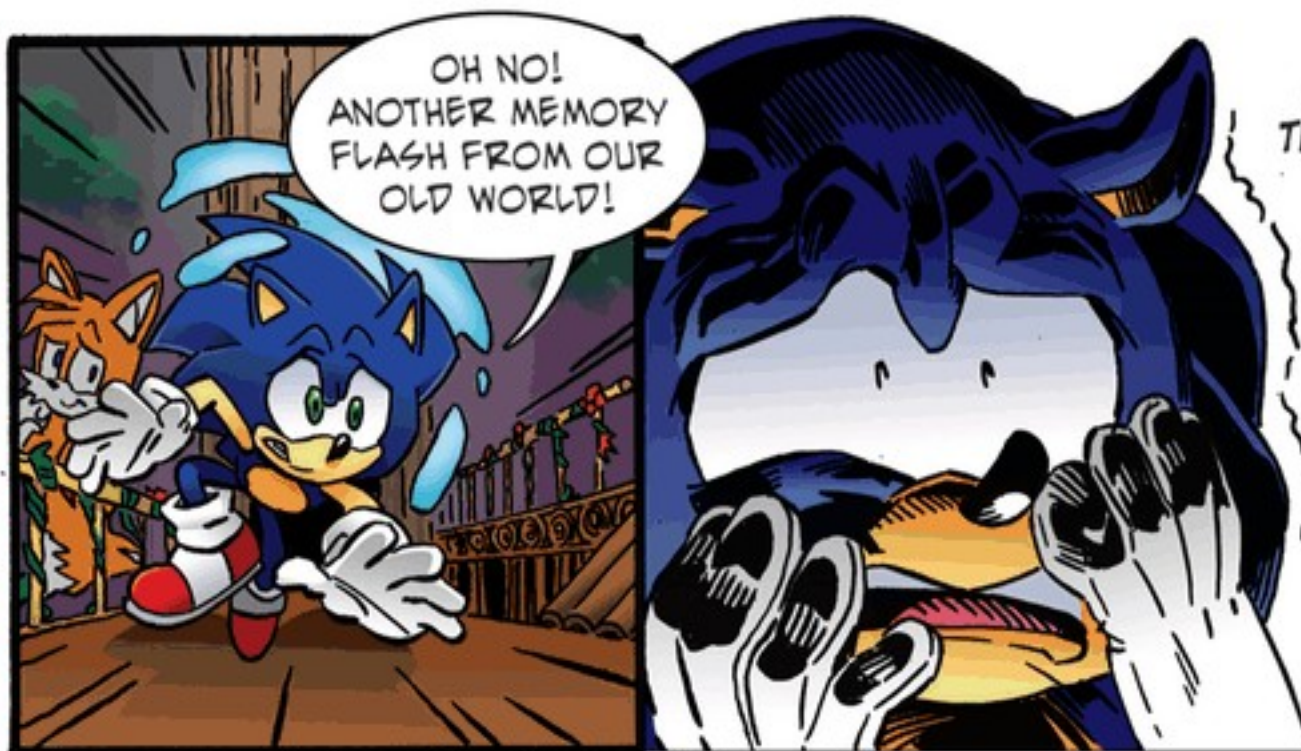
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I LEFT
THE IRON
ON!



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Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

Hey everyone at Archie comics! I'm a longtime fan of the Sonic comics. I've been reading them since the 90's. I loved the crossover this summer and now you've come up with another cool story arc. I look forward to learning all the new changes to Sonic's world and it's great that Sally is no longer roboticized. Great work on the comics, everyone! I look forward to your future work for many years to come.

Micah G. from Virginia

Thanks, Micah! The future is bright and we have a whole slew of fun and exciting surprises headed your way!

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

Hello. My name is Hayden G. and I'm in sixth grade. I'm loving your Sonic comics. I've been reading since issue 245 so I'm fairly new, but I'm loving it.

Always happy to hear from new fans! Welcome to the comic, Hayden!

In issue 252 I love how everything was messed up and at the end I was glad to see Sally back. And wow, That Off Panel? Loved it!

Sonic's world is going through some epic changes, but rest easy because the hilarious Off Panel strips will always be constantly hilarious!

For Worlds Collide, I planned on getting all 12, THAT didn't end up happening.

Fear not, young freedom fighter! The entire Worlds Collide saga is being collected into three graphic novels, so you won't miss a moment of the epic action. Volume one is available for pre-order now! Plugplugplugplug!

Finally, I'm excited about the Sonic Lost World™ Comic! Maybe there could be a Countdown to Chaos-like world infused with the Lost World?

From Your biggest fan,
Hayden G. from Wisconsin

Thanks for the letter, Hayden, and for reminding me that the Sonic Lost World™ comic will be appearing in Sonic Super Special issue #9, so get stoked! Also, the Lost Hex and Sonic's world mixed together, eh? That could be interesting to see, but I think Sonic's world is getting chaotic enough for now!

See ya'll next month for part three of COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS!

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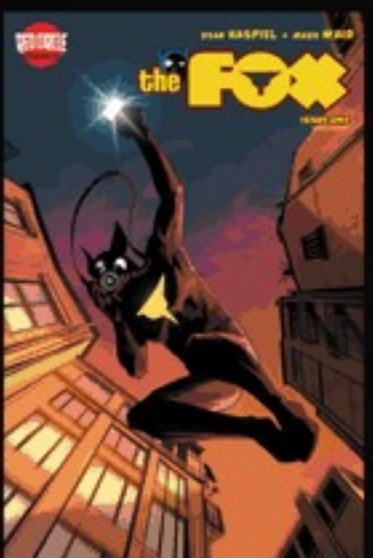
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